Irrigation Department.

197. *MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara I*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether the Government have decided or whether there is a proposal to form a separate Irrigation Department in the State?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): A separate Irrigation Division has already been formed under the charge of an Executive Engineer.

Ferry service at Poovathoor in Vamanapuram river.

198. *MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether there were representations for establishing a ferry service at Poovathoor in Vamanapuram river;

(*b*) whether several persons have to cross the river at Poovathoor daily; and

(*c*) the reason for the delay in providing a ferry boat there?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): (*a*) No.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) There was no demand for it.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know from the member whether I am to understand that there was no demand from the people of the locality for the ferry boat?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): That is the answer.

The Karipoor trace.

199. *MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether an estimate for Rs. 3,000 has been sanctioned for the conversion of the Karipoor trace into a cart road;

(*b*) how many times allotments were made to improve it;

(*c*) the amounts of allotment on each of the several occasions;

(*d*) whether any allotment is made this year (1109);

(*e*) what has become of the allotment in former years;

(*f*) why those allotments were not utilised for the conversion of the above trace;

(*g*) whether any work is done now: and

(*h*) how long it would take for completion?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Thrice.

(*c*) Rs. 1,000 in 1105
Rs, 1,500 in 1108
Rs. 1,000 in 1109.

(*d*) Yes.

(*e*) Lapsed.

(*f*) Owing to the delay in the acquisition of the necessary lands and the absence of a sanctioned estimate.

(*g*) Yes.

(*h*) About one month.

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